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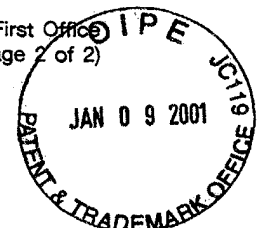
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No representation is made or intended that better art than that submitted hereunder is available. Also enclosed is Form PTO-1449A (PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B).

"Recombinant Human Stem Cell Factor Enhances the Formation of Colonies by CD34⁺ and CD34⁺lin⁻ Cells, and the Generation of Colony-Forming Cell Progeny From CD34⁺lin⁻ Cells Cultured With Interleukin-3, Granulocyte Colony-Stimulating Factor, or Granulocyte-Macrophage Colony-Stimulating Factor"

This is a disclosure regarding recombinant human stem cell factor.

"Evidence that hematopoietic stem cells express mouse *c-kit* but do not depend on steel factor for their generation"

This is a disclosure regarding hematopoietic stem cells.

"Retrovirally Marked CD34-Enriched Peripheral Blood and Bone Marrow Cells Contribute to Long-Term Engraftment After Autologous Transplantation"

This is a disclosure regarding contribution of blood and bone marrow cells to long-term engraftment.

"Enrichment of Human Hematopoietic Stem Cell Activity in the CD34⁺Thy-1⁺Lin⁻ Subpopulation From Mobilized Peripheral Blood"

This is a disclosure regarding enrichment of human hematopoietic stem cell activity in the CD34⁺Thy-1⁺Lin⁻ subpopulation from mobilized peripheral blood.

"Synergistic Effects of Hepatocyte Growth Factor on Human Cord Blood CD34⁺ Progenitor Cells are the Result of c-met Receptor Expression"

This is a disclosure regarding the effects of c-met receptor expressions.

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"Direct and synergistic effects of interleukin 11 on murine hemopoiesis in culture"

This is a disclosure regarding the direct and synergistic effects of interleukin 11 on murine hemopoiesis in culture.

"Interleukin 6 enhancement of interleukin 3-dependent proliferation of multipotential hemopoietic progenitors"

This is a disclosure regarding interleukin 6 enhancement of interleukin 3-dependent proliferation of multipotential hemopoietic progenitors.

"Isolation of CD34⁺ Hematopoietic Progenitor Cells by High-Gradient Magnetic Cell Sorting (MACS)"

This is a disclosure regarding the isolation of CD34⁺ hematopoietic progenitor cells by high-gradient magnetic cell sorting.

"Clinical Implications of Positive and Negative Hematopoietic Stem Cell Regulators"

This is a disclosure regarding the clinical implications of positive and negative hematopoietic stem cell regulators.

"Functional characterization of individual human hematopoietic stem cells cultured at limiting dilution on supportive marrow stromal layers"

This is a disclosure regarding the functional characterization of individual human hematopoietic stem cells.

"Cloning and Expression of Unique Murine Macrophage Colony-Stimulating Factor Transcripts"

This is a disclosure regarding the cloning and expression of unique murine macrophage colony-stimulating factor transcripts.

"Long-term repopulation of hematolymphoid cells with only a few hemopoietic stem cells in mice"

This is a disclosure regarding the repopulation of hematolymphoid.

"Expansion in Bioreactors of Human Progenitor Populations from Cord Blood and Mobilized Peripheral Blood"

This is a disclosure regarding human progenitor populations in bioreactors.

"Can Human Hematopoietic Stem Cells Be Cultured Ex Vivo?"

This is a disclosure regarding human hematopoietic cells.

"Evaluation of Ex Vivo Expansion Potential of Cord Blood and Bone Marrow Hematopoietic Progenitor Cells Using Cell Tracking and Limiting Dilution Analysis"

This is a disclosure regarding the potential of cord blood and bone marrow progenitor cells.

"Proliferation of individual hematopoietic progenitors purified from umbilical cord blood"

This is a disclosure regarding the proliferation of individual hematopoietic progenitors purified from umbilical cord blood.

"Murine Hematopoietic Stem and Progenitor Cells:
I. Enrichment and Biologic Characterization"

This is a disclosure regarding hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells.

"Effects of CD34⁺ Cell Selection and Perfusion on
Ex Vivo Expansion of Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells"

This is a disclosure regarding the effects of CD34⁺ cell selection and perfusion on ex vivo expansion of peripheral blood mononuclear cells.

"Macrophage Inflammatory Protein 1 α , Interleukin 3 and Diffusible Marrow Stromal Factors Maintain Human Hematopoietic Stem Cells for at least Eight Weeks In Vitro"

This is a disclosure regarding the maintenance of stem cells.

"Retention and Multilineage Expression of Human
Hematopoietic Stem Cells in Human-Sheep Chimeras"

This is a disclosure regarding retention and multilineage expression of human hematopoietic stem cells in human-sheep chimeras.

"Hematopoietic Regulators: Redundancy or Subtlety?"

This is a disclosure regarding hematopoietic regulators.

"Synergistic Interactions Between Interleukin-11 and Interleukin-4
in Support of Proliferation of Primitive Hematopoietic Progenitors of Mice"

This is a disclosure regarding hematopoietic progenitors.

"Rapid and Sustained Hematopoietic Recovery in Lethally Irradiated Mice
Transplanted With Purified Thy-1.1^{lo} Lin⁻ Sca-1⁺ Hematopoietic Stem Cells"

This is a disclosure regarding stem cells.

"Amphotropic Retrovirus Vector Transfer of the v-ras Oncogene to
Human Hematopoietic and Stromal Cells in Continuous Bone Marrow Cultures"

This is a disclosure regarding hematopoietic and stromal cells.

"A Murine Stromal Cell Line Allows the Proliferation of Very Primitive Human
CD34⁺⁺/CD38⁻ Progenitor Cells in Long-Term Cultures and Semisolid Assays"

This is a disclosure regarding a murine stromal cell line.

Direct Comparison by Limiting Dilution Analysis of Long-Term Culture-Initiating Cells in Human Bone Marrow, Umbilical Cord Blood, and Blood Stem Cells"

This is a disclosure regarding direct comparison by limiting dilution analysis of long-term culture-initiating cells in human bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, and blood stem cells.

"Recent Modifications of Technique in Human Long-Term Bone Marrow Cultures"

This is a disclosure regarding bone marrow cultures.

"Long-Term Hematopoietic Cultures"

This is a disclosure regarding long-term hematopoietic cultures.

"Long-Term Generation of Colony-Forming Cells in Liquid Culture of CD34⁺ Cord Blood Cells in the Presence of Recombinant Human Stem Cell Factor"

This is a disclosure regarding the long-term generation of colony-forming cells.

"New Marrow for Old"

This is a disclosure regarding bone marrow transplantation.

"The hematopoietic microenvironment"

This is a disclosure regarding the hematopoietic microenvironment.

"Effects of Substratum Compliance on the Motility, Morphology, and Proliferation of Adherent Human Glioblastoma Cells"

This is a disclosure regarding glioblastoma cells.

Inside Surgery, "Organ and Tissue Transplant Update"

This is a disclosure regarding information about an update on organ and tissue transplants.

"Receptor-Mediated Adhesive Interactions at the Cytoskeleton/Substratum Interface During Cell Migration"

This is a disclosure regarding cell migration.

"Measurement of Cell Adhesion and Migration on Protein-Coated Surfaces"

This is a disclosure regarding cell adhesion and migration.

"Measurement of Individual Cell Migration Parameters for Human Tissue Cells"

This is a disclosure regarding the measurement of individual cell migration parameters for human tissue cells.

"Maximal Migration of Human Smooth Muscle Cells on Fibronectin
and Type IV Collagen Occurs at an Intermediate Attachment Strength"

This is a disclosure regarding migration of muscle cells.

"Effects of Hepatocyte Growth Factor and IL-11 on
Human Cord Blood CD34+ Progenitor Cells"

This is a disclosure regarding the effects of hepatocyte growth factor.

"Synergistic Effects of Hepatocyte Growth Factor on In Vitro
Generation of CFU-GM From Human Cord Blood CD34+ Progenitor Cells"

This is a disclosure regarding synergistic effects of hepatocyte growth factor.

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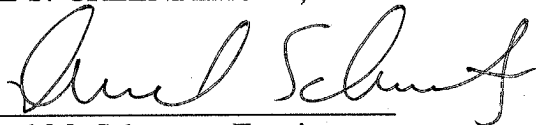


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